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District of Columbia National Guard



Major General Errol R. Schwartz
Commanding General

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President Bush appoints Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz to command District of Columbia National Guard

WASHINGTON D.C. — Pres. Bush appointed Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz as the new commanding general of the District of Columbia National Guard effective June 11, 2008. Schwartz, who served as the Adjutant General prior to the appointment, replaces Maj. Gen. David F. Wherley, who is retiring after nearly four decades of military service.

“It is a great honor for me to be selected by the president to lead this outstanding organization,” Schwartz said. “I am looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead as we confront the threats that face America, at home and abroad. We must protect our community and our nation, and the DC National Guard is poised for the 21st century. I am leading the finest soldiers and airmen this nation has ever known, and we will continue a tradition of excellence.”

Schwartz assumed duties as the adjutant general of Joint Force Headquarters and Commander of the District of Columbia Army National Guard on 27 June 2003. His military career started when he enlisted in the District of Columbia Army National Guard in 1976. He was commissioned in June 1979 and appointed a platoon leader in the 104th Maintenance Company. He served in numerous leadership positions as a staff officer and as commander. Some of his previous assignments include Battalion Commander, 372nd Military Police Battalion, Deputy Director of Information Management, Director of Logistics, and commander, 74th Troop Command.

“I appreciate the friendship and support of the soldiers, airmen, and civilians in this great organization,” Wherley said after announcing his retirement. “Our ‘Capitol Guardians’ are performing magnificently as we fight the war on terrorism while supporting local authorities at home. I leave knowing the leadership of the DC National Guard is in good hands,” he said.

A Change of Command ceremony is scheduled to take place at the DC National Guard Armory, 2001 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC, at 10 a.m. July 19.

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